

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 67, paragraph 0126, please replace the original paragraph with the following amended paragraph:

-- [0126] The synthetic oligonucleotide analogues (1) to (22) are indicated below. (SEQ ID NOS: 1 – 22, respectively)--

On page 68, paragraph 0128, please replace the original paragraph with the following amended paragraph:

-- [0128] The amounts and yields of the 2',4'-BNA^{NC} modified oligonucleotides obtained are shown below. (SEQ ID NOS: 1 – 12, respectively)--

On page 69, paragraph 0130, please replace the original paragraph with the following amended paragraph:

-- [0130] Furthermore, the results of the MALDI-TOF MS measurement of the synthetic 2',4'-BNA^{NC} modified oligonucleotides are tabulated below. (SEQ ID NOS: 1 – 22, respectively)--

On page 71, paragraph 0134, please replace the original paragraph with the following amended paragraph:

--[0134] The results are shown in Tables 3 (SEQ ID NOS: 23, 24, 1-5, 13-17, respectively) and 4 (SEQ ID NOS: 25, 24, 1-5, 13-17, respectively)--

On page 72, paragraph 0138, please replace the original paragraph with the following amended paragraph:

--[0138] The results and experimental conditions are shown in Table 5. Table 5-1 contains SEQ ID NOS: 26-28, 6-11, and 18-21, respectively. Table 5-2 contains SEQ ID NOS: 29, 30, 28, 6-11, and 18-21, respectively. Table 5-3 contains SEQ ID NOS: 31-33, 6, and 18, respectively.--

On page 75, paragraph 0145, please replace the original paragraph with the following amended paragraph:

--[0145] The sequences of the oligonucleotides used in the measurement are shown below.

5'-TTTTTTTTXT-3' (SEQ ID NO: 34)--

AMENDMENTS TO THE SEQUENCE LISTING

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Please replace the Sequence Listing of record with the Substitute Sequence Listing enclosed herewith.